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### Lack of consistent Wi-Fi affects Tarleton students

**BY MADISON REED Executive Producer** 

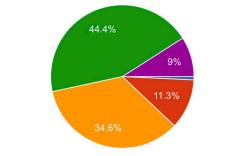
How would you rate the Tarleton Wi-Fi?

In this day and age, Wi-Fi is no longer a privilege or a want; it is a necessity.

People now bank online, work online, do school online, chat online and so much more. Without Wi-Fi, the world would no longer be able to operate properly.

Wi-Fi is important to college students, especially now with the global pandemic forcing some students to go completely online or use Zoom as an option to attend class.

Students are required to do their school work online whether it be



In an online survey, students commented on the Tarleton Wi-Fi.

for homework, a quiz/ students even commute exam, zooming in to to their university simply professors' office hours or to access Canvas.

Without access to Wi-Fi, students would not because their Wi-Fi at be able to complete their home is unreliable or school work.

For some students, the Wi-Fi at their university for the Wi-Fi in order to complete homework and assignments nonexistent.

Recently, the Wi-Fi at Tarleton State University is the only resource has not been working available to them. Some correctly and has raised



Screenshot By: Madison Reed a lot of concern amongst the student body.

In an anonymous survey, a student said, "I understand Tarleton having problems for a few days, but for two weeks straight I couldn't connect... Access to

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## Sigma Chi brings back their annual **Fight Night**

BY ELIZABETH BLACK Managing Editor On Nov. 20, Sigma

Chi's Fight Night returns to the Tarleton State University campus.

Sigma Chi's Fight Night tradition has been around since the 70's when the first one took place in a chapter in the northern part of the country.

The idea was brought to Tarleton's Sigma Chi chapter in 2005. However, Sigma Chi has not hosted their Fight Night event in five years, but the 12 years prior to that it was a popular event amongst students.

Philanthropic The Chair for Tarleton's chi chapter, Sigma Matthew Flores said, "The last time this event took place, I was a new member, so it is a little nostalgic."

In 2017, when the rules fraternities were required to follow became stricter, the event became harder to put together with the new regulations. This year, with help from their alumni, Sigma Chi has been able to put together the event.

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### Erath County voters support expanded alcohol sales in November election

#### BY ELIZABETH BLACK **Managing Editor**

During the election held on Nov. 2, a special vote was added to the ballot for all Erath

removed in restaurants, Residents could also bars and restaurants can travel to Granbury, stay open till 2 a.m.

24,012 registered votes one way. in Erath County, only Handy Liquor has

which has a Specs but is Out of a total of over a 30-minute drive



County voters. The county was previously considered partially wet, which allowed the sale of beer and wine in stores and restaurants were allowed to serve alcohol as long as customers joined a private club. The proposition expanded alcohol sales in the county including beer, wine and hard liquor. The changes made will lead to liquor stores in the county, private club requirements will be

3,601 voters participated been around for several in the election. Of the participants, 935 votes cast were against the proposition while 2,655 votes were in support. Students at Tarleton

State University and people in the Stephenville area are aware of the drive to get mixed drinks in different counties.

From Stephenville, the closest liquor store is Proctor, but it wasn't Handy Liquor in Proctor, which is a 21-minute drive in one direction. money to buy anything.

generations of college students. The store sits on the other side of the Comanche County line and has been the closest and most reliable source of alcohol for years.

Tarleton alumni, Steve Fletcher, graduated in 1978 and participated in the tradition of driving to Proctor to get drinks.

"We would drive to very often because we didn't have enough

Erath County Courthouse at the Stephenville City Square.

Maybe once a week a our money and buy a six group of us would pull pack with it," Fletcher Photo By: Elizabeth Black

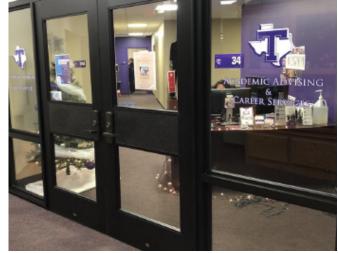
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### Job resources available for students and alumni at the Career Service Center

**BY NICHOLAS** RATCLIFF Multimedia Journalist

The Career Service Center at Tarleton State University opened up in 1994 and has been helping the students graduates find and employment ever since. Over the years, this department has grown and offers a wide variety of opportunities that could help any student figure out where they should go after graduation.

Located in Room 218 of the Thompson



The Career Services Center located in room 218 in the Thompson Student Center.

Student Center, the Career Service Center offers its students more than just job placement.

Photo By: Nicholas Ratcliff A lot of students enter college right out of high school and are unsure of what they would like to

As they get closer to graduation, students may become overwhelmed at the idea of picking their first career. According to the Director of Tarleton's Career Service Center Alana Hefner, this is the most common way they assist their students.

it's their [students] first year here, they are a senior or even if they are a nontraditional student who is in their 30s or 40s, we can always assist with career exploration because students don't always know the depths

and breaths that they can cover with their degree." It's no secret to the working world that having a degree is more important than the type of degree you have. Many college students, however, are unaware that this is the case. This often causes students to Hefner said, "Whether feel stuck in a certain career after graduation, but the Career Service Center is here to help.

> They have developed a whole system to help their students figure out what they would like to do. While this may sound like a lot of work,

the department has made it very easy to start this process.

To get started, students or alumni must go to the Career Service's page on Tarleton's official website and click on the Focus2Career link on the right-hand side of the page. Under the section labeled Exploration, there will be a link for the student or alumni to create an account with the sign-in code that is also listed on the Career

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### What are students at Tarleton thankful for?

#### **BY KYLEY WILHITE** Multimedia Journalist

What are students at Tarleton thankful for?

It's that time of year; there's pumpkin spice in the air, cool breezes in your hair and everyone is scrambling to keep their grades up before finals. It's time for the holidays.

What better way to kick off the holiday season than to ask the Tarleton community what they think about Thanksgiving, which occurs on the fourth Thursday in November.

According to google Thanksgiving is defined as, "A day for the expression of gratitude, especially to God."

Regardless of the religious aspect, it is important to reflect on your past year and be grateful for what you have.

Britannica describes Thanksgiving as а national holiday that began as a day of giving thanks for the harvest harvest feast was in 1621 between the colonists and the Wampanoag Indians. Today, however, Thanksgiving is celebrated by bringing families together to share food, company and celebrate blessings.

Tarleton students get out for Thanksgiving break on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 12 p.m.

In an online survey Thanksgiving, about 70 Tarleton students responded to express their love of Thanksgiving.

Some explained their favorite foods from the holiday. These answers ranged from the classic turkey to spinach salad which Audra lea Young enjoys, which is a dish that no one else said.

Others like Brenna Frankin said, "Sinful potatoes" were her favorite whereas another student preferred "Naan bread."

No matter how unique food the individual choices were, however, religious

and blessings. The first green bean casserole Jillian Lambert who ended up being the most common favorite dish with 16 votes.

When asked why holidays are important and what does Thanksgiving means to you, students responded with a variety of replies. One student said, "Thanksgiving means sharing what you are thankful for with your family members while they're still here. Families seem to be tied together and "put down the pitchforks" for this special holiday. No matter how different a family can be, we can always be tied together through food and fun."

"Thanksgiving and Christmas are the few times a year that my family gets all together to hang out, and being with and recognizing gratefulness for my family my is the most important to me," Kaylee Pippins responded.

Some took the route like

stated, "Spending time with family and thanking God for the time you have with them."

Jake Wadkins defined Thanksgiving saying, "Thanksgiving means to give thanks and show thanks that you are alive and well."

As for the age-old question, what are you thankful for, there was a multitude of replies, from funny ones like "nothing" all the way to the basic answers like "food in my stomach."

Myranda Baker said, "I am thankful for the ability to attend university and be a firstgeneration Texan!"

Many people don't take the time to count their blessings and say a quick "thank you" for being able to have the opportunity to earn a college degree.

Brenna Franklin responded with, "I am thankful for friends who I can laugh and cry with an equal measure."

The general consensus



A marching band performing at the Macy's parade in New York. Photo Courtesy of the Associated Press

was that people are for thankful their families and the gifts that God has given them like Julia Pace who responded with "my dog" or "completing my Masters in May" from Audie Renee.

bring Holidays excitement, and according to the Tarleton community, they are most excited for time off from school.

All that to say, the most popular event people were grateful for was the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, which is notorious for

being huge. In regards to the Macy's event, the Associated Press states, "The parade will be back this year after a brief break due to the pandemic."

This led to very enjoyable answers like "I am definitely excited to see my mom."

It was great to see that people on this campus are bringing the "Holiday cheer" alive and are remembering what these seasons are for.

### **Tarleton students voice their opinions about** when Christmas celebrations should begin

#### **BY SIERRA WELLS** Multimedia Journalist

Stoneleigh P's in Dallas, Texas, has attracted attention after Twitter user Kyle Smith

posted an image of a establishment flyer in the bar. The sign proclaimed song "All I Want for Christmas is You" by Mariah Carey could brings attention to a Stoneleigh P General is played. not be played in the

before Dec. 1 and would only the be able to play once a day after that date.

> This Twitter exchange Washington long-debated question: Manager Laura Garrison

when is it too early to start celebrating Christmas?

According The to Post,

while 67% agreed.

Freshman Hope Ruiz does not agree with the bar's decision to limit the amount Carey's song

Ruiz said, "I think it's

should wait until Thanksgiving is over to begin celebrating Christmas, 60% of Tarleton students said yes, and 40% said no.

Senior Hope Draper



Tarleton State University is officially ready for the holidays, their tree is already up. Photo By: Elizabeth Black

said, "It's been put up three years now, maybe four, every holiday season we hear the song so much when you get alcohol involved."

After causing much controversy on Twitter, Carey posted a photo of her wearing armor while amid a battle. Her tweet was in response to a user asking if the bar was promoting a war on Christmas.

In an online poll of 100 Tarleton State University students, 33% said they disagreed with the bar's decision,

just Christmas music. I mean, it's not really harming anybody. I mean like it might get on their nerves, but who doesn't love Mariah Carey? I just think that they should just keep it on. People want that; that's just what they want. The bar will have to just deal with it."

For many people, the Christmas season begins as soon as Halloween comes to an end. Due to this anticipation for the holiday, Thanksgiving is often overlooked.

When asked if people

not have does а problem with putting up Christmas decor before Thanksgiving.

Draper said, "When I'm in Stephenville, I actually put my tree up Nov. 1 since we're not here for the entire time of December. I like to get to be able to have my tree up for the entire part of November. But I do celebrate Thanksgiving, and I go back straight to Christmas, so I'm a Nov. 1 kind of girl."



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### Tarleton Bass Club is on the road to success

#### **BY RACHEL MASERA Guest Writer**

When people think of college sports they generally think of either football or basketball, but at Tarleton State University bass fishing has become just as important.

Tarleton Bass The Fishing Club (TCB) joins over 100 universities across the nation in the collegiate bass fishing circuit each year.

TBC is a student-led organization that was started in 2007, and since then, has been making a name for itself in the collegiate bass fishing

The team currently consists of 53 members for the 2021-2022 year.

world.

TBC members are expected to compete in B.A.S.S., MLF and ACA sanctioned tournaments.

In these tournaments, members are competing well-known against schools such as Alabama, Auburn and A&M.

The way it works is a two-person team is sent to fish these tournaments going up against some of the biggest and smallest teams in the nation, all wanting to walk away with a win.

Many team members



Tarleton Bass Fishing Team members Blake Martinez and Luke Lewis holding up their catches of the day. Photo Courtesy of the Tarleton Bass Fishing Team Facebook page

have been fishing for many years, and being able to fish for a university, such as Tarleton, is a great accomplishment.

"I got into bass fishing when I was about nineyears-old. My dad got me into it at that age by letting me tag along on the Sunday tournaments on our hometown lake. From then on, I've always had the passion to bass fish at the competitive level," angler Blake Martinez explained.

Team members are on the road for most of the season, constantly traveling from tournament to tournament, town to town, ready to take home a win at each tournament.

A typical day in the life of a collegiate fisherman looks somewhat like this, "Wake up before daylight, get to the lake, fish all day, and then get something to eat. Then go back to where we are staying and do homework and then wake up and do it all over again," Reagan Nelson says.

For many of these guys, it's a personal goal to be able to fish at the professional ranks. Tons of hard work and dedication goes into every line they cast.

"Being a fisherman has



The Tarleton Bass Fishing Team.

taught me many things, but the main thing is patience. Patience is a must if you want to be a tournament angler at a high level," Carson Hickman said.

Hickman is a native of Whitesboro, Texas, and is joined on the TBC by high school fishing Jacob Dobbs.

People typically don't see the behind-the-scenes work that goes into it.

"I think we are starting to get some recognition, but the outside people do not understand how hard it is to do what we do and to be as competitive as we

are. Being ranked in the top ten in the nation out of Lewis finished two hundred plus schools is a huge deal," Reagan Nelson explained.

Photo Courtesy of the Tarleton Bass Fishing Team Facebook page

Between the hours spent out on the lake to the hours of homework after being on the lake, the downtime members do get is usually spent preparing for the next tournament.

So far this season, members have been creating a reputation for themselves.

the 10th university in the nation in Bass Pro Shop's School of the Year standings.

Martinez and Luke 25th in Tennessee at Lake Chickamauga, this finish landed them a ticket into the 2022 MLF BIG5 National Championship.

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The amount of time and commitment each of these fishermen put into their sport shows just how much they deserve to win.

The best way to show your support for our Tarleton Texan anglers as they continue their way TBC is currently ranked through the season is to spread the word on social media and share about the team's successes.

### Rodeo team ranked among top in the nation

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#### **Guest Writer**

The Tarleton State University Rodeo team produced many has past champions, and hopefully, there will be many future champions to come.

There was a Southwest Region college rodeo in Canadian, Texas, in late October.

Tarleton Texan Alex Cawthon won the goat Championship tying even though her horse was injured the prior, so she week was scrambling for a substitute horse that fit her style. Not having any luck, the first couple of

the day of the rodeo, it has only helped me be was perfect.

Cawthon has been ever imagined. It has goat tying since she was little. As she grew up, she knew she wanted to continue to pursue rodeo in high school at the college level. She has been successful in both. Making it to the high school national rodeo finals all four years and placing in the top 20 every year is very impressive and that is exactly what she did.

Texas is a different kind of competitive when it comes to rodeo or any sport.

"Living in this



Alec Cawthon, one of the members of the rodeo team. Photo Courtesy of Alec Cawthon's Facebook page

better than I actually made me better in and out of the arena, you have to learn to win and learn to lose," Cawthon said. Competing for Tarleton has always been

a dream of Cawthon's. She says she is thankful that, through everything, the coaches have been on her side and continue to help her be better.

According to Cawthon, the team is more of a family, they are not just acquaintances.

There is a bond that many teams do not have and being a part of this team means having family at every rodeo cheering you on, even though they are not your biological family she said.

Teammate Ty Allred has competed at the last five college rodeos, winning two and placing in the top five in the other three in steer wrestling. Attending Tarleton for the last two years, Allred has been successful each and every year.

Allred has made the College National Finals Rodeo in 2019 and ended up a top ten finalist.

He is originally from



The Tarleton State University 2021-2022 Rodeo team.

decided Utah and Tarleton was the best fit for him as an athlete trying to be the best they can be.

Allred is a professional rodeo cowboy and he has had a lot of luck there well.

"Coming from Utah I knew there was going to be a huge change, however, I did not expect this much help from any and everyone. It is more like family than teammates at Tarleton, you really cannot beat the facility, the coaches or the teammates," Allred said.

collegiate rodeo team in the world, and being more like family than just people a team, is special.

That culture makes it the most unique team out there, team members say

Head Coach Mark Eakin has built a program in which everyone has the opportunity to be better— both inside the arena and out.

He has dedicated a lot of effort to making sure every student can break records and be the best in their event.

"I am willing to do Tarleton is the largest anything for any of

Photo Courtesy of the Tarleton Rodeo Facebook page

the student-athletes that want to be better Tarleton State at University. The studentathletes are my main focus and that is why we acquired a new facility to make sure each and every athlete has the best opportunities to be the best they can be," Eakin said.

The Tarleton rodeo team has 35 National Titles. They also move more athletes on to the professional level than any other college program.

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#### Tarleton Wi-Fi Continued from pg 1

Wi-Fi isn't a 'privilege' anymore, it's a necessity, especially when students are expected to turn everything in on Canvas."

In the anonymous survey that was sent to multiple students across campus, over 84% of students said they use the Tarleton Wi-Fi on a daily basis, and 11% said they use the Wi-Fi three to four times a

week. When asked how the students would rate the Tarleton Wi-Fi on a scale from "excellent" to "doesn't ever work." only one student rated the Wi-Fi as "excellent." 11% of students rated the Wi-Fi as "good," 35% as "fair," 45% as "poor" and 9% as "doesn't ever work."

Some students listed certain buildings that were affected, however, most students said they had trouble with the Wi-Fi all around

campus. Most students who reported living on campus complained especially about the Wi-Fi at the dorms.

"I know [Tarleton is] trying to fix the internet at Bosque, but it's just been bad for so long and internet quality is a big part of our daily lives so it is a great inconvenience to me, my roommates and the other residents of my hall," Tyler Beeson, an on-campus resident, "If said. [Tarleton] could keep the residents



Located in the student library behind the Starbucks, students can find the Tech Spot where the can report and/or recieve help with all Wi-Fi issues.

The

Director

#### Fight Night

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"Thanks to our alumni, I feel triumphant that we are finally able to bring this back," Flores said.

There are 20 boxers

Alcohol sales

set up to participate which will result in ten "bouts."

Those who are participating are expected to have been training for the event to ensure that the fights are safer and run smoothly.

rounds ended varying levels of injury including broken noses, dislocated shoulders and possibly a concussion. Those who are participating are aware of the risk and are still

expectation can impact performance." Evans further stated no one reported problems with the Wi-Fi with a Help Desk ticket in October and only one report was opened in November.

"Tarleton follows the manufacturer's recommended and

industry standard best for spaces such as the practices for wireless upgrades," Evans added. "Wireless devices have a typical life cycle of four to five years."

When asked if any buildings are being updated currently, Evans said only the Legacy Wi-Fi was and its completion date is expected to be in December.

"In addition to replacing aging equipment," Evans said, "Wi-Fi coverage will be expanded in academic spaces."

According to Evans, academic when buildings' Wi-Fi is updated. being the building manager is notified of the changes. Additionally, if a class is going to be in session during the updates, that specific classroom is excluded from the updates until it is vacant. Tarleton cannot cover every square inch of campus with Wi-Fi service. Tarleton focuses the span of the service to heavily populated areas where students are more likely to need Wi-Fi. "The focus for

Wi-Fi density is academic spaces such classrooms, with as additional coverage

Thompson Student Center, the Dick Smith Library, the Tarleton Center and indoor common spaces such as conference rooms," Evans stated. "Outdoor coverage is available on the Admin Mall and in the new food truck area. mall and pathway areas such as Rudder Way and around residence halls. All new construction offers dense wireless coverage."

**Though Tarleton offers** Wi-Fi, is it up to par with what the students actually need in order to succeed in their classes?

Another student said, "As more and more professors are requiring students to have a laptop in class, highspeed wireless internet is now a necessity for participation in class not just for study and homework."

If students have any issues with the Wi-Fi, they should contact the Computer Help Desk at 254-968-9885. In addition, they can also visit the Tech Spot in the Dick Smith Library on the Stephenville campus.

event range from \$20 to \$60. The lowest ticket price is for general and admission the higher-priced ticket would be considered the VIP ticket and comes

with a nice seat closer to the ring. Sponsorships for private tables are also available.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The institute is recognized across the

nation for the research and support they provide for cancer patients.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Twisted J located off of US-377 towards Granbury.

Executive under 20% since 2018. and driving thinking I to follow the rules and with a hard liquor regulations that come license.

Photo By: Madison Reed

During the past events, with

### willing to participate.

Ticket prices for the

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said.

During that time, Granbury also did not sell alcohol, therefore the options were limited to Proctor or Glen Rose, which were both a 30-minute drive one way similar to a trip to Specs in Granbury.

Stephenville and Tarleton are continuing to grow and the changing of the regulations for alcohol sales in the county will allow for more businesses to come to the area.

the OI Stephenville Economic Development Authority Jeff Sanford said, "From a strictly developmental viewpoint, we have witnessed firsthand the impact this decision has had on various businesses, primarily restaurants and their consideration Stephenville for of future expansion opportunities."

According to the HealthyNTexas website, percentage the of alcohol-related deaths while driving in Erath County has remained know, drinking liquor

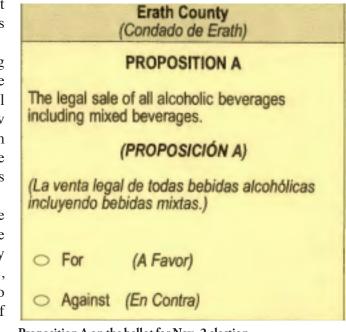
The number of people live just down the road who are participating in I will be fine and that alcohol-related activities and then driving has decreased since 2014.

S e n i o r communications major Casey Hobbs said she has been in a college town when the liquor sale rule changed and she is concerned for the well-being of the students.

"It didn't affect me directly, but I did notice that we had a higher death rate because it was a college town and we had a lot of students, you

wasn't the case," Hobbs said.

Changes are coming to the area and the students at Tarleton will have to adapt to the new atmosphere around them and continue to practice good safety measures when drinking alcohol. Sanford said, "The outcome of the vote does not force every consumer to partake, however it does help to even the promotion of fair business practices." Stores and restaurants will still be required



Proposition A on the ballot for Nov. 2 election.

Photo Courtesy of Erath County government department online services

#### Career Services

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What

## DC announces son of Superman is bisexual

#### **BY SIERRA WELLS** Multimedia Journalist

DC Comics announced on Oct. 11 that Tom Taylor's "Superman: Son of Kal-El #5" will feature a bisexual Superman.

According to DC Comics, character Jonathan Kent, who is the son of Clark Kent, will pursue a romantic

with Jay relationship Nakamura, male a reporter.

Taylor "Superman's symbol has always stood for hope, for truth and for justice. Today, that symbol represents something more. Today, more people can see themselves in the most powerful superhero in comics."

Featuring artwork by artist John Timms, this new edition is set for said, release on Nov. 9.

> "I'm Timms said, incredibly honored to be working beside Tom on the Superman: Son of Kal-El series showing Jon Kent tackling his complex modern life, while also saving the world from its greatest threats, villains and menaces."

Kent is not the only LGBTQ+ superhero to feature in comics. Initially appearing in 1988, the first openly gay DC Comics superhero was Extraño, a Peruvian magician. Since then, other nonheterosexual superheroes have made appearances Batwoman, including Harley Quinn, Obsidian, Poison Ivey, Midnighter, Aqualad and more.

What originally was a taboo subject matter now a common is occurrence in the world of comic books.

When asked if she thought there was enough representation of the LGBTQ+ community in comic books, Tarleton freshman Jillian Hendrix said, "There can always be ample room for

any representation, so I wouldn't mind any anybody so there's always room for representation."

backlash from people that are not happy with this Tarleton senior Delaney creative decision.

State Senator Wendy Rogers said, "Superman loves Louis Lane. Period.

Hollywood is trying to make Superman gay and superhero being gay, he is not. Just rename the straight, bi, black, white, new version Thooperman so we can all know the difference and avoid

> On the other hand, thinks that will be

idea because I think for so long and for so many people, Superman has represented, kind of like an ideal person and people have found themselves in him for so long," said Williams. "Even more people now can find a superhero to care about. That's why I love the idea, and I'm all

However, DC has faced seeing it."

Williams In a tweet, Arizona DC including a bisexual character beneficial for readers.

for inclusion."

"Honestly, I love the

**CORRECTION:** 

The illustrated cover of "Superman Son of Kal-El #5."

Photo Courtesy of DC Comics

In the printed version of the VOL. 11. NO. 3 newspaper in the article titled, "Did Tarleton prioritize LGBTQ+ awareness over Breast Cancer awareness?" under the picture of four students standing in front of the LGBTQ+ flags the caption said the students were organizers of the event; however, this was mislabeled and they were actually volunteers. The article also incorrectly identified the Center for Diversity and Inclusion. The correct title is the Joe R. and Dr. Teresa Lozano Long Office of Diversity, **Inclusion and International Programs.** 

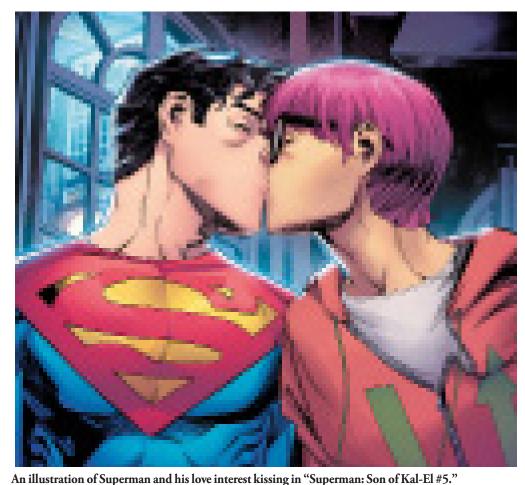


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